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# PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND ANNOTATIONS

## Note by the Secretary-General

1. The fifty-fourth session of the Human Rights Committee will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 10 to 28 July 1995. The first meeting will be convened on Monday, 10 July 1995 at 10.30 a.m.

2. In accordance with rule 6 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has prepared, in consultation with the Chairman of the Committee, the attached provisional agenda for the fifty-fourth session. Annotations to the provisional agenda are also attached.

3. Pursuant to rule 33 of the Committee's rules of procedure the meetings of the Committee will be held in public unless the Committee decides otherwise or it appears from the relevant provisions of the Covenant or the Optional Protocol that the meetings should be held in private.

4. The attention of States parties is drawn, in particular, to the annotations to item 4 which contain the tentative timetable for the consideration of reports at the fifty-fourth session. In accordance with rule 68 of the Committee's rules of procedure, representatives of States parties may be present at the meetings of the Committee when their reports are examined.

5. At its fifty-third session, the Committee decided that two working groups, established under rules 62 and 89 of its rules of procedure, should meet for a period of one week prior to its fifty-fourth session. The working groups are scheduled to meet at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 3 to 7 July 1995.

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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3. Submission of reports by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant.

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6. Follow-up on views adopted pursuant to article 5, paragraph 4, of the Optional Protocol to the Covenant.

7. Future meetings of the Committee.

8. Annual report of the Committee to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council under article 45 of the Covenant and article 6 of the Optional Protocol.

ANNOTATIONS

1. Adoption of the agenda

Under rule 8 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the first item on the provisional agenda for any session shall be the adoption of the agenda. In accordance with rule 9, during a session, the Committee may revise the agenda and may, as appropriate, defer or delete items; only urgent and important items may be added to the agenda.

2. Organizational and other matters

Under this item, the Committee will consider its programme of work for the session. In this connection, it may be noted that the Committee decided at its fifty-third session to set up, in addition to the pre-sessional working group on communications, a working group under article 40 of the Covenant to prepare concise lists of issues concerning periodic reports scheduled for consideration at the fifty-fourth session and to further review the Committee's procedures under article 40 of the Covenant, in the light of the discussion on that subject at the Committee's fifty-third session.

3. Submission of reports by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant

Reports received

In addition to the reports which are scheduled for consideration by the Committee at its fifty-fourth session (see the timetable for consideration of reports under item 4 below), the Secretary-General has received the reports of the following States parties:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Latvia | Initial report due in 1993 | (CCPR/C/81/Add.1/Rev.1) |
| Estonia | Initial report due in 1993 | (CCPR/C/81/Add.5) |
| Brazil | Initial report due in 1993 | (CCPR/C/81/Add.6) |
| Guatemala | Initial report due in 1993 | (CCPR/C/81/Add.7) |
| Switzerland | Initial report due in 1993 | (CCPR/C/81/Add.8) |
| Zambia | Second periodic report due in 1990 | (CCPR/C/63/Add.3) |
| Denmark | Third periodic report due in 1990 | (CCPR/C/64/Add.11) |
| Netherlands | Third periodic report due in 1991 | (CCPR/C/70/Add.7) |
| Peru | Third periodic report due in 1993 | (CCPR/C/83/Add.1) |
| Cyprus | Third periodic report due in 1994 | (CCPR/C/94/Add.1) |
| Iceland | Third periodic report due in 1994 | (CCPR/C/94/Add.2) |
| Spain | Fourth periodic report due in 1994 | (CCPR/C/95/Add.1) |
| Sweden | Fourth periodic report due in 1994 | (CCPR/C/95/Add.4) |

The Secretary-General has also received supplementary reports from Kenya and the Gambia which the Committee will consider together with those States parties' second periodic reports.

Reports due

The situation with regard to the submission of reports by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant is as follows:

States parties whose reports were due by the closing date of the fifty-third session (7 April 1995) but have not yet been received

Initial reports

| State party | Date due | Number of reminders sent |
|---|---|---|
| Gabon | 20 April 1984 | 21 |
| Equatorial Guinea | 24 December 1988 | 12 |
| Somalia | 23 April 1991 | 7 |
| Zimbabwe | 12 August 1992 | 5 |
| Croatia | 7 October 1992 | 3 |
| Grenada | 5 December 1992 | 4 |
| The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia | 16 September 1992 | - |
| Israel | 2 January 1993 | 4 |
| Albania | 3 January 1993 | 4 |
| Lithuania | 19 February 1993 | 4 |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | 5 March 1993 | - |
| Angola 1/ | 9 April 1993 | 2 |
| Benin | 11 June 1993 | 2 |
| Côte d'Ivoire | 25 June 1993 | 3 |
| Seychelles | 4 August 1993 | 3 |
| Cambodia | 25 August 1993 | 2 |
| Lesotho | 8 December 1993 | - |
| Czech Republic | 31 December 1993 | - |
| Slovakia | 31 December 1993 | - |
| Republic of Moldova | 25 April 1994 | 1 |
| Ethiopia | 10 September 1994 | 1 |
| Dominica | 16 September 1994 | 1 |
| Armenia | 22 September 1994 | 1 |
| Mozambique | 20 October 1994 | 1 |
| Nigeria | 28 October 1994 | 1 |
| Cape Verde | 5 November 1994 | - |
| Malawi | 21 March 1995 | - |

Second periodic reports

| State party | Date due | Number of reminders sent |
|---|---|---|
| Syrian Arab Republic | 18 August 1984 | 22 |
| New Zealand - Cook Islands | 27 March 1985 | 9 |
| Gambia | 21 June 1985 | 20 |
| Suriname | 2 August 1985 | 19 |
| Lebanon | 21 March 1986 | 19 |
| Kenya | 11 April 1986 | 18 |
| Mali | 11 April 1986 | 18 |
| Jamaica | 1 August 1986 | 16 |
| Guyana | 10 April 1987 | 16 |
| Democratic People's Republic of Korea | 13 December 1987 | 14 |
| Central African Republic | 9 April 1989 | 11 |
| Gabon 2/ | 20 April 1989 | 11 |
| Congo | 4 January 1990 | 10 |
| Bolivia | 13 July 1990 | 8 |
| Viet Nam | 31 July 1991 | 7 |
| Saint Vincent and the Grenadines | 31 October 1991 | 7 |
| San Marino | 17 January 1992 | 6 |
| Sudan | 17 June 1992 | 4 |
| Philippines | 22 January 1993 | 4 |
| Equatorial Guinea 2/ | 24 December 1993 | 2 |
| Niger | 31 March 1994 | 2 |

Third periodic reports

| State party | Date due | Number of reminders sent |
|---|---|---|
| Lebanon 3/ | 21 March 1988 | 14 |
| Syrian Arab Republic 3/ | 18 August 1989 | 11 |
| Trinidad and Tobago | 20 March 1990 | 10 |
| Gambia 3/ | 21 June 1990 | 9 |
| Mauritius | 18 July 1990 | 9 |
| Suriname 3/ | 2 August 1990 | 9 |
| Barbados | 11 April 1991 | 8 |
| Kenya 3/ | 11 April 1991 | 8 |
| Mali 3/ | 11 April 1991 | 8 |
| Nicaragua | 11 June 1991 | 7 |

Third periodic reports (continued)

| State party | Date due | Number of reminders sent |
|---|---|---|
| Zaire | 31 July 1991 | 7 |
| Jamaica 3/ | 1 August 1991 | 7 |
| Portugal | 1 August 1991 | 7 |
| Australia | 12 November 1991 | 6 |
| France | 3 February 1992 | 6 |
| India | 31 March 1992 | 6 |
| Panama | 31 March 1992 | 6 |
| Guyana 3/ | 10 April 1992 | 6 |
| Rwanda 1/ | 10 April 1992 | 4 |
| Madagascar | 31 July 1992 | 5 |
| Central African Republic 3/ | 7 August 1992 | 5 |
| Democratic People's Republic of Korea 3/ | 13 December 1992 | 4 |
| Saint Vincent and the Grenadines 3/ | 8 February 1993 | 4 |
| Austria | 9 April 1993 | 3 |
| Bolivia 3/ | 11 November 1993 | - |
| Viet Nam 3/ | 23 December 1993 | 2 |
| United Republic of Tanzania | 31 December 1993 | 2 |
| Venezuela | 31 December 1993 | 2 |
| Gabon 2/, 3/ | 20 April 1994 | 2 |
| Afghanistan | 23 April 1994 | - |
| Belgium | 20 July 1994 | 1 |
| Luxembourg | 17 November 1994 | - |
| Bulgaria | 31 December 1994 | - |
| Egypt | 31 December 1994 | - |
| Guinea | 31 December 1994 | - |
| Iran (Islamic Republic of) | 31 December 1994 | - |
| Congo | 4 January 1995 | - |

Fourth periodic reports

| State party | Date due | Number of reminders sent |
|---|---|---|
| Lebanon 4/ | 21 March 1993 | 2 |
| Panama 5/ | 6 June 1993 | 3 |
| Germany | 3 August 1993 | 3 |
| Madagascar 5/ | 3 August 1993 | 3 |
| Yugoslavia | 3 August 1993 | 3 |

Fourth periodic reports (continued)

| State party | Date due | Number of reminders sent |
|---|---|---|
| Belarus | 4 November 1993 | 3 |
| Ecuador | 4 November 1993 | 3 |
| Mauritius 5/ | 4 November 1993 | 3 |
| Dominican Republic | 3 April 1994 | 2 |
| Chile | 28 April 1994 | 1 |
| Finland | 18 August 1994 | 1 |
| Syrian Arab Republic 4/ | 18 August 1994 | 1 |
| Poland | 27 October 1994 | 1 |
| Romania | 31 December 1994 | - |
| Uruguay | 31 December 1994 | - |
| Trinidad and Tobago 4/ | 20 March 1995 | - |
| Canada | 4 April 1995 | - |
| Iraq | 4 April 1995 | - |
| Mongolia | 4 April 1995 | - |
| Senegal | 4 April 1995 | - |

States parties whose reports are to be submitted between the closing date of the Committee's fifty-third session (7 April 1995) and the closing date of its fifty-fourth session (28 July 1995)

Third periodic reports

| State party | Date due |
|---|---|
| Zambia | 9 July 1995 |

Fourth periodic reports

| State party | Date due |
|---|---|
| Gambia 4/ | 21 June 1995 |
| India | 9 July 1995 |

4. Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant

A tentative timetable for the consideration of reports at the fifty-fourth session, prepared in consultation with the Chairman and subject to approval by the Committee, is given below:

Timetable for consideration of reports of States parties

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Ukraine (Fourth periodic) | CCPR/C/95/Add.2 | Tuesday, a.m./p.m. | 11 July 1995 |
| | | Wednesday, a.m. | 12 July 1995 |
| Sri Lanka (Third periodic) | CCPR/C/70/Add.6 HRI/CORE/1/Add.48 | Thursday, a.m./p.m. | 13 July 1995 |
| | | Friday, a.m. | 14 July 1995 |
| Russian Federation (Fourth periodic) | CCPR/C/84/Add.2 HRI/CORE/1/Add.52 | Monday, a.m./p.m. | 17 July 1995 |
| | | Tuesday, a.m. | 18 July 1995 |
| Afghanistan (Second periodic) | CCPR/C/57/Add.5 | Tuesday, p.m. | 18 July 1995 |
| | | Wednesday, a.m./p.m. | 19 July 1995 |
| United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (Fourth periodic) | CCPR/C/95/Add.3 HRI/CORE/1/Add.5/ Rev.1 | Thursday, a.m./p.m. | 20 July 1995 |
| | | Friday, a.m. | 21 July 1995 |

In accordance with rule 68 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has informed the States parties concerned of the tentative dates on which their respective reports are scheduled for consideration by the Committee at its fifty-fourth session.

The Committee will also resume the consideration of a draft general comment relating to article 25 of the Covenant which had been initiated at its fifty-third session.

5. Consideration of communications under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant

In accordance with the provisions of chapter XVII of the rules of procedure, the Committee will consider under this item communications which are or appear to be submitted to it under the Optional Protocol.

One hundred and seventeen communications are pending before the Committee from earlier sessions. Taking into account the deadlines established by the Committee for submission of further information from the States parties, 42 cases (earlier declared admissible) may be considered for the adoption of final views and 75 cases may be considered for a decision on admissibility. In addition, the Committee will have before it summaries of a number of recently registered communications and summaries of new communications registered after its last session, together with an indication of any action which may have been taken by the Special Rapporteur for new communications.

In accordance with article 5, paragraph 3, of the Optional Protocol and rule 82 of the Committee's rules of procedure, this agenda item will be considered in closed meetings.

6. Follow-up on views adopted pursuant to article 5, paragraph 4, of the Optional Protocol to the Covenant

Under this item, the Committee will assess the status of follow-up activities under the Optional Protocol and examine periodic reports submitted by the Special Rapporteur for the follow-up on views.

7. Future meetings of the Committee

As the calendar of meetings held within the framework of the United Nations is submitted by the Secretary-General on a biennial basis for the approval of the Committee on Conferences and the General Assembly, the Committee may wish to take decisions under this item on the schedule of its meetings to be held in 1996 and 1997.

8. Annual report of the Committee to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council under article 45 of the Covenant and article 6 of the Optional Protocol

Under article 45 of the Covenant, the Committee is to submit to the General Assembly, through the Economic and Social Council, an annual report on its activities. Article 6 of the Optional Protocol provides that the Committee shall include in its annual report a summary of its activities under the Optional Protocol.

At its fifth session, the Committee decided that, beginning with 1979, it would adopt its annual report at the end of the second annual (summer) session, for appropriate transmission to the General Assembly. Accordingly, the annual report in 1995 will cover the activities of the Committee at its fifty-second (October/November 1994), fifty-third (March/April 1995) and fifty-fourth (July 1995) sessions.

Notes

1/ The Committee has requested the Government to submit a special report for discussion by the Committee.

2/ The State party's initial report has not yet been received.

3/ The State party's second periodic report has not yet been received.

4/ The State party's second and third periodic reports have not yet been received.

5/ The State party's third periodic report has not yet been received.

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